

of the trial date. All fines, penalties, or forfeitures collected by the District Court for violations of Commission infractions shall be remitted to the Commission.

(5) If a person receiving a citation for an infraction fails to pay the fine for the infraction by the date of payment set forth on the citation and fails to file a notice of his intention to stand trial for the offense, a formal notice of the infraction shall be sent to the owner's last known address. If the citation has not been satisfied within 15 days from the date of the notice, he shall be liable for an additional fine not to exceed twice the original fine. If after 35 days the citation has not been satisfied, the Commission may request adjudication of the case through the District Court. The District Court shall thereupon promptly schedule the case for trial and summons the defendant to appear. The defendant's failure to respond to the summons is contempt of court.

(6) If any person is found by the District Court to have committed a Commission infraction, he shall be required to pay a fine ~~in an amount not to exceed \$30~~ ~~\$50~~ ~~ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION~~ or in the event that the infraction is a repeat offense, ~~[\$60 \$100] DOUBLE THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF THE FINE.~~

(7) Adjudication of a Commission infraction, as defined in this article, is not a criminal conviction for any purpose, nor does it impose any of the civil disabilities ordinarily imposed by a criminal conviction.

(8) In any proceeding for a Commission infraction before the District Court, the violation shall be prosecuted in the same manner and to the same extent as set forth for municipal infractions in Article 23A, § 3(b)(8) through (15), inclusive.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 8, 1997.

CHAPTER 489

(House Bill 890)

AN ACT concerning

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Authority to Issue Long-Term Debt

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FOR the purpose of altering the maximum amount of certain debt that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) may carry, based on the assessable base of certain property; altering the application of the limit on the debt so that it applies unless specifically exempted in a certain manner; providing for the calculation of certain debts; eliminating a certain exception for debt supported by certain service charges; altering certain provisions to reflect the alteration of the limit on the debt; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the authority of the WSSC to incur debt and the maximum amount of debt that the WSSC may carry.